

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 30, 39, 42, 71, and 73 have been canceled. Claims 1-29, 31-38, 40-41, 43-70, 72, and 74 are pending, of which claims 29, 38, 40, 43-44, and 70 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-28 and 56-69 have been allowed (*Office Action* p.2). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability. These claims remain unchanged and are in condition for allowance.

Claims 30, 39-40, 42-44, 71, and 73 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form (*Office Action* p.3). Claims 42 and 73 are canceled.

Claim 29 is amended to include the allowable element(s) of claim 30 (now canceled), and claims 29 and 31-37 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 38 is amended to include the allowable element(s) of claim 39 (now canceled), and claims 38, 40-41, and 43-55 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 70 is amended to include the allowable element(s) of claim 71 (now canceled), and claims 70, 72, and 74 are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all pending claims 1-29, 31-38, 40-41, 43-70, 72, and 74 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the claim objections be withdrawn and that all pending claims 1-29, 31-38, 40-41, 43-70, 72, and 74 be allowed.

35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections

Claims 29, 31-38, 41, 45-55, 70, 72, and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over several references cited by the Office (*Office Action* pp. 3, 7, and 9-10). As described above, claims 29, 31-38, 41, 45-55, 70, 72, and 74 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn, and that all pending claims be allowed.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1-29, 31-38, 40-41, 43-70, 72, and 74 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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